

## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

September 11, 1995

**MEMORANDUM by FAX****To:** Distribution (attached)**Through:** Jennifer A. Salisbury, Cabinet Secretary and Chair  
New Mexico Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force**From:** Heidi Snow, Senior Policy Analyst**Subject:** MESCALERO SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL STORAGE INITIATIVE**Number of Pages:** 4 (including this page)

Last June, a briefing for New Mexico state government officials by representatives of the Mescalero Spent Fuel Storage Project was postponed. The New Mexico Radioactive Waste Consultation Task Force, in conjunction with the New Mexico Legislature's Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Interim Committee, have rescheduled this briefing. It will take place at a joint meeting of the Task Force and Interim Committee on Tuesday, October 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Instructional Center, Room 150 at the Carlsbad Campus of New Mexico State University, 1500 University Drive, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Individuals who will be presenting testimony during the briefing are:

- Linda Marikami, National Conference of State Legislatures;
- Scott Northard, Northern States Power Company and other utility representatives;
- Silas Cochise, Mescalero Apache Tribe; and
- Don Hancock, Southwest Research and Information Center.

Also, on October 23, the Interim Committee will hold a meeting that is tentatively scheduled to include testimony on the Federal Civilian Radioactive Waste Management program, including the multi-purpose canister technology and its status. The draft agenda for the 2-day joint meeting is attached. For additional information, contact Gordon Meeks of the New Mexico Legislative Council Service at 505/986-4600.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me or Chris Wentz at 505/827-5950.

Attachment

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October 23-24, 1995

Instructional Center, Room 150  
 New Mexico State University  
 1500 University Drive  
 Carlsbad, New Mexico

Monday, October 23

- 10:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER  
 --Representative Robert S. Light, Chair
- Approval of the Minutes
- 10:15 a.m. Carlsbad Environmental Monitoring and Research Center  
 --Don Fingleton, Director
- 10:45 a.m. Waste-Management Environmental Research Consortium  
 --Ron Bhada, Director
- 11:15 a.m. Chaves County Hazardous Waste Facility  
 --Ken Schultz, Gandy Marley, Inc.  
 --Dale Gandy and Bob Marley, Gandy Marley, Inc.
- 12:00 Noon LUNCH
- 1:30 p.m. Civilian Radioactive Waste Management  
 --Jozette Booth, Office of Civilian Radioactive  
 Waste Management, DOE  
 --Dick Hall, Mississippi State Senator
- 2:15 p.m. Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP)  
 --George Dialo, Director, Carlsbad Area Office
- 3:00 p.m. Multipurpose Container Technology  
 --Pete Keegan, Marketing Manager, Scientific  
 Ecology Group, Westinghouse, Inc.
- 3:45 p.m. RCRA Permit Status  
 --Mark Weidler, Secretary of Environment
- 4:30 p.m. RECESS

Tuesday, October 24

- 8:00 a.m. JOINT MEETING WITH THE RADIOACTIVE WASTE CONSULTATION  
 TASK FORCE
- Mescalero Fuel Storage Initiative  
 --Linda Murakami, National Conference of State  
 Legislatures  
 --Scott Northard, Northern States Power Company

--Silas Cochise, Mescalero Apache Tribe  
--Don Hancock, Southwest Research and Information  
Center

11:30 a.m.

DEPART FOR WIPP  
Box lunch

12:30 p.m.

Tour of WIPP  
--George Dials, Director, Carlsbad Area Office,  
U.S. DOE

3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT